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**New Metrology Lab as part of the Agricultural Sciences Center
Coming Soon!**

To all NCDA&CS Standards Laboratory customers:

We will be moving to a new location, about ½ mile away, to the Agricultural Sciences Center, very soon. In preparation for the move, customer calibrations halted in December and no further customer work will be done until the entire move process is complete. We hope to resume normal operations in July. All areas of measurements will be affected during this process.

The first step was to complete the calibrations of our own standards, which took place as usual, mid-December through January. Finishing touches and environmental testing in the new building are taking place now and we hope that will be complete soon. We will begin the process of moving our standards and balances shortly. In addition to the time to physically move, the laboratory will have to reestablish NIST recognition and NVLAP accreditation before we can resume customer work. We are keeping them informed of our progress so their reviews can happen as quickly as possible.

Our intent is to make this process as smooth as possible. We ask that you remain patient as we make this transition. **If you had an appointment scheduled for February through June your appointment has been cancelled. You may have your calibrations performed at another NIST recognized laboratory or a private NVLAP accredited lab. A list of state labs may be found here:**

<https://www.nist.gov/pml/weights-and-measures/resources/state-laboratories-c>. We do not have any information on their availability as Covid-19 may have impacted some of their operations, so please contact them directly for more information.

For licensed scale and petroleum device technicians, the calibration interval for your standards will still be held to the interval required in NC, even if another state's calibration certificate may have a different interval. We will review "extensions" for technicians that have documented efforts for a calibration at alternative labs but were unable to schedule one on a case by case basis.

We will provide more information, including our new address for shipping and drop-offs, once the move progresses to the point that we are able to establish a firm reopening date.

If you have any questions, please speak with a metrologist by calling (919) 733-4411 or the Lab Manager can be reached via email at sharon.woodard@ncagr.gov.